

279. An explosive device according to claim 276, wherein said increased binding energy hydrogen species is negative.

*Q5* 280. An explosive device according to claim 205, wherein said source of hydrino hydride ion comprises a source of 2 or more different hydrino hydride ions. ]

#### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 280 are pending in the application.

The presently claimed invention recites the subject matter of Group II in the Restriction Requirement dated August 24, 1999, in Serial No. 09/009,837. Therefore, the present application has been amended to be a Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/009,837. The present application also includes claims directed to an explosive material and explosive device, which are formulated from at least one novel hydrino hydride ion.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the hydride ion is formed from a hydrino atom, i.e. "hydrino hydride ion." Claim 1 has not been amended to overcome prior art.

Basis for new claims 3 - 280 can be found in the originally filed specification and claims. No new matter has been added. No claims have been amended to overcome prior

The Applicant's counsel thanks Examiner Langel for the courtesy extended during the personal interview of September 7, 1999. It is sincerely believed that the interview advanced the prosecution of the subject application.

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103, over Long, Taschek or Jung is respectfully traversed. As acknowledged in the Interview Summary, none of the cited references, alone or in combination, anticipate,

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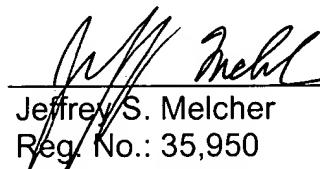
teach or suggest the use of hydrino hydride ions. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Section 102 and 103 rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the objections and rejections of record having been addressed, it is sincerely believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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